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Special Addendum

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In view of the fact no meeting was held 17 July 1969, an addendum is published to cover aircraft activities of the Far East and Cuba.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Far East

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1. Coverage of special targets in South China and North Vietnam is reported below:

a. Surveillance was reported on coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 349. In response to a request from Chairman, ICRS, NPIC has completed a review of previous photography which confirms that baseline quality coverage had been obtained on all point targets with the exception of Yen Lac Cave (underground storage). For the period 10-16 July 1969 surveillance coverage was reported on six priority targets in South China and two in North Vietnam. The specific targets are identified by underlining in Tab A.

b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 3-9 July 1969. Two BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time period and reported as successful have not been included. No SSM activity was observed.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba

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2. For the 56-day period beginning 22 May 1969, eight GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba and provided 93.9 percent coverage of the area. During this period 169 of the 198 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent mission flown

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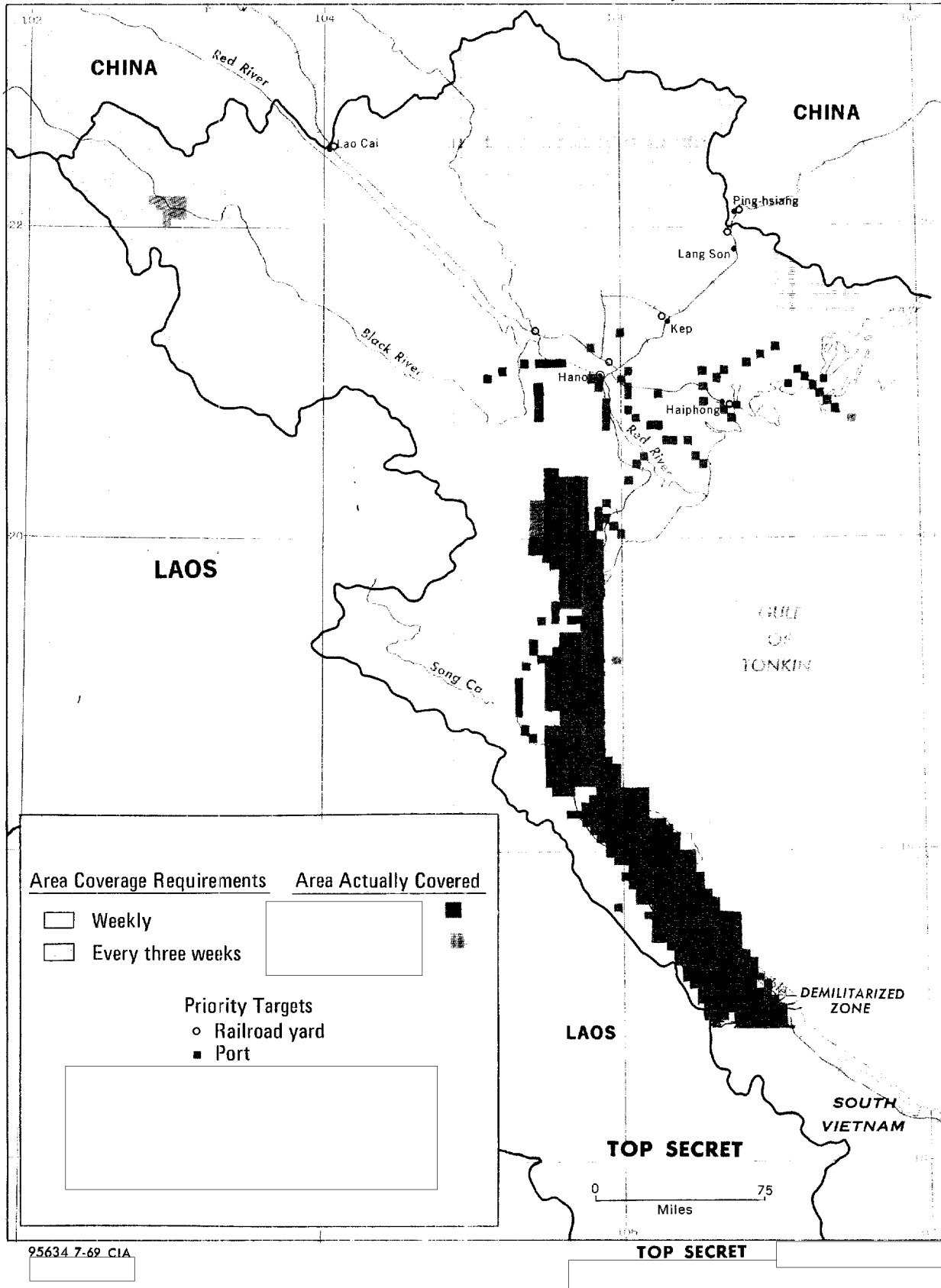
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam  
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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

CHAIRMAN: Roland S. Inlow

CIA:	<div></div>	Navy:	Capt. L. W. Moffit	25X1
State:	Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr.	Air Force:	Col. C. E. Phipps	
DIA:	<div></div>	NSA:	<div></div>	25X1
Army:	Lt. Col. R. N. Barry			

Office of the Chairman:  25X1

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

NPIC:  25X1  
NRO:

SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

CIA:	<div></div>	Army:	Mr. J. C. St. Cyr	25X1
		Navy:	Capt. F. S. Haecherl	
DIA:	<div></div>	NPIC:	<div></div>	25X1

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Special Briefing

Mensuration in Identification

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1. [ ] introduced [ ] who gave a special briefing on the importance of mensuration in identification. [ ] said that NPIC hopes to provide another briefing soon regarding accuracy statements used in reports. It is intended that such accuracy statements will be refined in the near future. The text of [ ] briefing is attached at Tab C.

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2. In answer to a question from Mr. Inlow, [ ] answered that where problems like this are concerned experience is invaluable. Once PI's are aware of the factors that may affect measurements, such as differences in elevation, orientation of objects being measured, and obliquity angles, they know the need to apply stereo measurement techniques. He again emphasized the need for accuracy when measurements are required in support of first- and second-phase photo interpretation.

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3. Captain Moffit queried [ ] as to whether color would have made measurement any more accurate, but [ ] did not see that color would have helped in these particular examples.

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4. At the suggestion of [ ] and [ ] commented briefly on the mensuration equipment that NPIC has now and on some that they hope to have in the future. [ ] stressed that NPIC has only a limited amount of stereo measuring equipment at the present time but that they plan to get more. [ ] reported that NPIC recently obtained a data reduction computer programmer and that a new comparator which will double the present capacity for stereo measurement is to be delivered in about a year.

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Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

Approval of Minutes

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1. COMIREX-M-74 were approved without change.  
(See Section VI, paragraphs 1 and 2, for discussion of two items covered in COMIREX-M-74.)

2. As a matter of record, on page 22, paragraph 1, please change the tasking assignment on COMIREX-D-31.4-70/2 to CIA/IAS and on COMIREX-D-31.4-70/5 to NPIC.

Operational Briefing--Satellite

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3. [ ] reported satellite operations and scheduling as shown on page 11.

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4. [ ] noted that, as stated on the schedule, ExCom tentatively decided on 20 June to reduce the number of CORONA missions in FY 1970 from six to five.

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Report on Aircraft Activities--Far East

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5. There were no IDEALIST/TACKLE or FOOD FAIR activities to report. The DIA member reported three GIANT SCALE missions during the period [ ] as follows:

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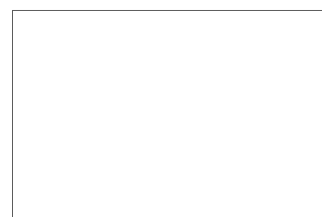
GIANT SCALE ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
		North Korea: Song Dong Ni Afld, Chaho No Dong Jagu Sub base, Mayang Do Sub Base, Kaesong RR Yd	Fair
		North Korea: Wonsan Afld, Wonsan Complex, Area Search No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, Hagaru Ri HPP, Chang Jing Gang	Good
		Vinh Afld, Dong Hoi TSP, Dong Hoi Afld, Viet Tri RR Yd, Xom Ap Lo Ammo Stor, Hoa Lac Afld, Dong Suong Afld, Bai Thuong Rte 1A, RR 6, 7, WW 5, 6, I, Cst Seg C9, Lao Cai RR Yd, Lao Cai Complex	Fair

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6. [ ] reported that eighteen of the twenty-four  
BUMPY ACTION missions flown during the period [ ]  
were successful and six were lost. Details are given on pages 7 and 8.

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10 July 1969BUMPY ACTION ACTIVITIESDATEMISSION NO.AREAS/TARGETSRESULTS

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Rte 1A &amp; RR, Vinh Afld, Dong Hoi

MARS

Haiphong Port Fac, Kien An Afld

MARS

Bai Thuong Afld

Water  
recovery  
no film,  
failed to  
transport

Xom Ap Lo Ammo Stor, Hoa Lac Afld

MARS

DMZ, Segs Rte 1A, 101, 15, Thanh  
Hoa Compl, Bai Thuong Afld

MARS

Cat Bi Afld, Haiphong RR Sta,  
Haiphong Naval Base

MARS

Bac Mai Afld, Gia Lam Afld,  
Yen Vien RR Yd

Lost

Cat Bi Afld, Haiphong Naval Fac

Lost

Cam Pha Port Fac, Kep Ha Bks,  
Kep RR Yd, Hiep Hoa Afld, Phuc Yen Afld

MARS

Rte 10, 1A & RR, Nam Dinh Trans Pt,  
Thanh Hoa Transp Pt

MARS

Uong Bi TPP, Haiphong Nav Base,  
Haiphong RR Sta

MARS

Gia Lam Afld, Xom Ap Lo Ammo Stor

MARS

Rte 15, Vinh Son Compl

MARS

Kiep Hoa Afld, Kep Afld, Kep RR Yd

Water  
recoveryHaiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Yd,  
Kien An Afld

Lost

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
		Phuc Yen Afld, Hoa Lac Afld	MARS
		SAM 344, Hon Gai Port, Port Wallut Nav Base	Lost
		Cat Bi Afld, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Sta	MARS
		Rte 1A & RR, Vinh Afld, Don Hoa	MARS
		SAM 73, Kep Afld, Hiep Hoa Afld	
		Hon Ne Isl, Beach Strip, Thanh Hoa Transp Pt, Vinh Afld, Rte 1A & 101, DMZ	Lost
		Xom Ap Lo Ammo Stor, Hoa Lac Afld	MARS
		WW 19A, Bai Thuong Afld	MARS
		Hanoi Port Fac, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd	MARS

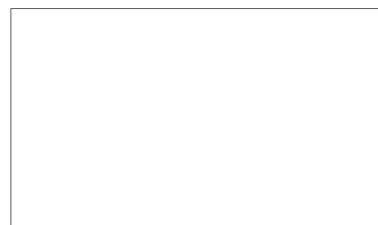
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7. [ ] reported as follows on coverage of special targets in South China and North Vietnam:

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a. No surveillance coverage of the Lines of Communication (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966) was reported for the period [ ] (Note that there will not be a Tab A to these Minutes.) Three road segments in North Vietnam were deleted from the list of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam, reducing the number of such targets from 352 to 349.

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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 26 June - 2 July 1969. Three BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time period and reported as successful have not been included on the map. No SSM activity was observed.

8. Colonel Phipps reported that the nickname GIANT DRAGON has been changed to GIANT NAIL.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba

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9. [ ] called attention to the fact that the nickname GLASS LAMP had been changed to OLD HEAD effective 1 July 1969. Three missions were flown during the period 26 June - 10 July, resulting in 90.2 percent net coverage during the period. Details are given below:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
[ ]	[ ]	Successful, 38.7% coverage
[ ]	[ ]	Successful, 20.0% coverage
[ ]	[ ]	Successful, 39.0% coverage

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
[ ]	[ ]	38.7%	71.9%
[ ]	[ ]	20.0%	83.2%
[ ]	[ ]	39.0%	90.2%

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10. [redacted] reported that for the 56-day period beginning [redacted] seven GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba and provided 90.2 percent coverage of the area. During this period 125 of the 190 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent missions flown [redacted]

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## SATELLITE OPERATIONS SCHEDULE

Mission No.	Scheduled/ Launched	Recovery Date (Local Time)		FILM PROCESSING / DISTRIBUTION				COVERAGE	
				Arrival Eastman Kodak (Local Time)		Arrival D.C. Area (1100 Local Time)		Land Area (m sq n.m.)	Targets (approx.)
		1st Bucket	2nd Bucket	1st Bucket	2nd Bucket	Priority 1	Priority 2		
	12 Aug 69	19 Aug 69 1715	26 Aug 69 1715	20 Aug 69 1000	27 Aug 69 1000	23 Aug 69 30 Aug 69	24 Aug 69 31 Aug 69		2,900 2,900
	30 Sep 69	7 Oct 69 1845	14 Oct 69 1845	8 Oct 69 1100	15 Oct 69 1100	11 Oct 69 18 Oct 69	12 Oct 69 19 Oct 69		1,675 1,675
	12 Nov 69	19 Nov 69 1845	26 Nov 69 1845	20 Nov 69 1000	27 Nov 69 1000	23 Nov 69 30 Nov 69	24 Nov 69 1 Dec 69		1,675 1,675
	23 Jul 69	1 Aug 69 1730	10 Aug 69 1730	2 Aug 69 1000	11 Aug 69 1000	5 Aug 69 14 Aug 69	6 Aug 69 15 Aug 69	2.48 2.48	
	CORONA mission schedule being reviewed to implement the 20 June 1969 NRP Executive Committee tentative decision to reduce the number of CORONA missions in FY 70 from six to five.								

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Section III (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Note: Some material presented by Subcommittee and Working Group Chairmen at the time they are called on to make their reports is reported elsewhere in the Minutes and is not repeated in this Section.

Report from Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

1. [ ] reported that ICRS will have a priorities paper for Mission 1107 next week. It will be sent out to COMIREX members for telephone concurrence.

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Report from Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee

2. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, reported that, as charged by COMIREX (see COMIREX-M-70, page 21, paragraph 12), his subcommittee has been looking into the question of film reproduction and distribution [ ] They have been working with the NRO staff and the processing staffs at [ ] [ ] suggested that he provide COMIREX with a status report at its next meeting.

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Report from Data Base Working Group

3. [ ] reported that arrangements have been completed for DBWG to receive an orientation on area coverage indexing systems that are being used and that are under development for the Intelligence Community. Members of the Mapping and Charting Working Group, NPIC, and others who may be interested are invited to this briefing on 16 July.

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Report from Exploitation Research and Development Subcommittee

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4. The Chairman, EXRAND, reported that EXRAND will be meeting on 23 July at NSA. He requested that COMIREX members follow through with their EXRAND members on EXRAND's attempt to achieve a reasonable balance of research and development projects measured against the National R&D Objectives developed last year (see COMIREX-D-33.1/1). [ ] listed the main areas for R&D as follows:

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a. Projects aimed at simplifying, speeding, or reducing drudgery of the various PI tasks.

b. Projects aimed at developing equipment to permit maximum extraction of intelligence detail from imagery.

c. Projects aimed at permitting the Intelligence Community to handle, process, copy, store, and retrieve imagery in efficient and economical ways, bearing in mind the new sizable quantities of imagery to be delivered in early 1970's.

d. Projects aimed at getting the Intelligence Community started on R&D to meet the real-time challenge.

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Section IV (Action Items)

Action on Basic Requirements

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1. [ ] expressed concern over the fact that EXSUBCOM has not received the first draft of basic requirements on many NTP Functional Areas, particularly those that are the responsibility of DIA and the military services. He stressed the fact that we are already in FY 1970 and that organizations which must respond to the requirements are losing time. He urged COMIREX members to follow through on this problem and to help their EXSUBCOM members to get their requirements in. The only requirement which EXSUBCOM has received that has not been referred to COMIREX is on Atomic Energy. It is still outstanding because of additional work required with JAEIC to get the requirement into a form to which the agencies can respond.

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Need for Resource Information Inputs

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2. The Chairman, DBWG, reminded COMIREX members that resource information inputs for the fourth quarter are due on 15 July and requested that they encourage their exploitation elements to get the information in on time.

Need to Provide Requirements Guidance to NRO for its Five-Year Financial Plan

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3. Mr. Inlow indicated that COMIREX is obliged to provide requirements guidance to the NRO through USIB for NRO's consideration in drawing up its five-year financial plan. There was general agreement that such a paper would have maximum value if completed by COMIREX and approved by USIB prior to the ExCom meeting understood to be scheduled for 8 August.

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4. The DIA member referred to the USIB memorandum of 14 March 1968 to the Chairmen of the SIGINT and COMIREX Committees asking them to advise USIB prior to 1 June of each year of all reconnaissance requirements that should be considered in the next NRP budget and in the five-year plan (reference USIB-D-46.4/12, [redacted] and said that the SIGINT Committee paper which he had noted recently was a very abbreviated document more in the nature of a reaffirmation of existing requirements. [redacted] confirmed that the SIGINT document, while abbreviated, had been useful and that a comparable COMIREX document would also be of value.

5. The Chairman emphasized that he feels we have an obligation in addition to the reaffirmation of our requirements, to the degree we can, to assure our principals that we have studied carefully the implications of varying launch rates and other operational type decisions, such as the use of UTB and an increase in altitude, that have been made or are being considered so that we can provide them with a thorough understanding of the reasons for and the effect downstream of the operational alternatives. He also commented that he feels that COMIREX should treat requirements as dynamic in the sense that as technological improvements in collection occur the requirements should be modified to reflect them. [redacted] observed that the KH-4B and its new software represents an extremely dynamic combination.

6. Mr. Inlow undertook to have an updated draft memorandum to USIB prepared and distributed to COMIREX members within the next week or so for their review and comment. He reminded members that expeditious action is required if this paper is to clear COMIREX and USIB in time for Dr. McLucas to have the guidance in early August.

Need for Expedite Exploitation of OLD HEAD Imagery

7. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, raised the question of whether there was a continued need for handling the exploitation of OLD HEAD (Cuba) imagery on an expedite basis. He reported that

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the question had come up over the Fourth of July weekend and it was determined at that time that readout did not have to be started until the first regular day of business after the holiday. [redacted] felt that COMIREX should consider the need for expeditious handling in the processing and delivery phases as well as in the exploitation phase. The CIA member reported that he had talked with the head of CIA's Cuba task force on this matter and it was [redacted] wish that he be notified when film is due back for NPIC to work on so that he can advise at that time whether or not overtime is necessary. [redacted] did indicate that normally there would not be a need for overtime work on this exploitation.

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4. The following two FY 1970 Basic Requirements that had been submitted by EXSUBCOM for approval were approved:

<u>COMIREX Document Number</u>	<u>NTP Functional Area</u>	<u>Organization Responsi- ble for Basic Reporting</u>
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COMIREX-D-31.4-70/8	SAM/AMM Facilities	NPIC
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Review and Revision of Imagery Reconnaissance Requirements for  
Middle East (COMIREX-D-10.3/4)

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5. COMIREX members initiated a discussion of whether or not a Middle East requirements paper was actually required or would serve any useful purpose at this time. The general feeling was that, even if there was not any appreciable change in the requirement, the fact that we have reviewed it in a systematic way should be reflected in an update or reaffirmation. The last USIB-approved general requirement on this area was in April 1964.

6. The State Department member cautioned against permitting a review of requirements to involve us in contingency planning. Mr. Moyer reminded members that consideration of a specific need for Middle East coverage in September 1967 had ended in much unprofitable discussion of the operational and political aspects of the use of manned aircraft. Mr. Moyer agreed, however, that he saw no harm in making mention of the fact that satellites alone cannot be expected to meet the total requirement or handle emergency situations.

7. [redacted] reminded that we have already had two requests from the Sixth Fleet for KH-4 photography for target folders and that the time may come when we do not have photography available of the area it requires. Captain Moffit explained that the Commander, Sixth Fleet, is perhaps more aggressive than others in requesting this type of information because he knows of its existence and feels he needs the best information available.

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8. The Chairman asked [ ] to draft a revised version of the Middle East requirements paper in a form suitable for submission to USIB. This redraft will be circulated to COMIREX members for concurrence, comment, or discussion at the next COMIREX meeting.

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Section VI (Other Business)

Significance of Resolution Loss if Altitude of CORONA is Changed

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1. The NPIC consultant, referring to the statement in the Minutes of the last COMIREX meeting on the "modest" degradation caused by a change in altitude for CORONAs (see COMIREX-M-74, page 19, paragraph 8), said that NPIC wishes to submit some further comments on this at an early meeting.

said that the thrust of the comments will probably be that the loss of 7-1/2 percent resolution would have a significant rather than an insignificant effect on interpretation.

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Review of Effect of Short Burst Technique on Imagery Collected

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2. The NRO consultant asked how NPIC determines the effectiveness of the short burst technique (see COMIREX-M-74, page 12, paragraph 1). stressed that this technique had been used in order to increase the number of target opportunities in high priority areas and that they had taken only hardware and software capabilities into consideration when they decided to try the short bursts. If NPIC is engaged in an evaluation of the impact of short bursts on the imagery acquired, NRO should be advised how it is doing according to these standards.

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3. The Chairman asked that the NPIC and NRO consultants get together on this point and that COMIREX be advised of the outcome of the review.

Exploitation as Related to Warning/Indications

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4. The Chairman, referring to previous discussions on coverage of Cuba, commented that the question of timeliness of dissemination is being addressed in various parts of the community.

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General Taylor's Strategic Warning Working Group has completed a post-mortem on the Czech crisis and plans to recommend at today's USIB meeting, among other things, that steps be taken to accelerate the dissemination of [ ] information pertinent to warning/indications. Problems in this area vary from speed up of processing and/or readout, the actual dissemination of the information, and even the fact that some key people do not get to their mail on time. Mr. Inlow had suggested to General Taylor that he initiate a review of several of the recent OAKs and identify items which, from a warning/indications standpoint, would have been of value and should have received immediate dissemination. NPIC could then be asked to review the way in which these items were read out and disseminated and then suggest ways in which topics such as these can be handled in the future to speed up dissemination. One suggestion was that warning/indications type items be slugged so that they would go immediately to indications units in the various agencies.

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5. [ ] felt that, in his discussions with members of General Taylor's staff, it appeared that they were not aware that EXSUBCOM provides readout requirements to NPIC and that, in crisis situations, the results of the readout are disseminated to the indications people when appropriate. Other instances of special readout requirements were mentioned such as the location of the PUEBLO. In some of these cases preliminary readout had been carried out in the field, NPIC teams had been sent to Eastman Kodak, and consideration had even been given to cutting a mission short.

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6. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, said that his subcommittee is currently trying to isolate targets which are truly time-dominated. When targets falling into this category are covered, they will be read out immediately in an effort to support the warning/indications problem. [ ] said that first-phase readout requirements are prepared on a mission-by-mission basis and are provided to the National Indications Center a week ahead of time to insure that its

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needs are included. The Chairman, DBWG, mentioned that it might be worth noting that there is designed into the cable reporting system an alert flag which indicates new information or a change in information. This is, in effect, what is watched in warning/indications procedures.

Farewell Luncheon for Retiring Chairman

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7. Mr. Inlow expressed the gratitude of the Committee to the DIA member and the others who helped arrange the very successful farewell luncheon for Mr. William A. Tidwell.

Secretary's Note

New CIA Member, COMIREX

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8. [redacted] has been designated to replace Mr. Roland S. Inlow as the CIA member, COMIREX.

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Roland S. Inlow  
Chairman

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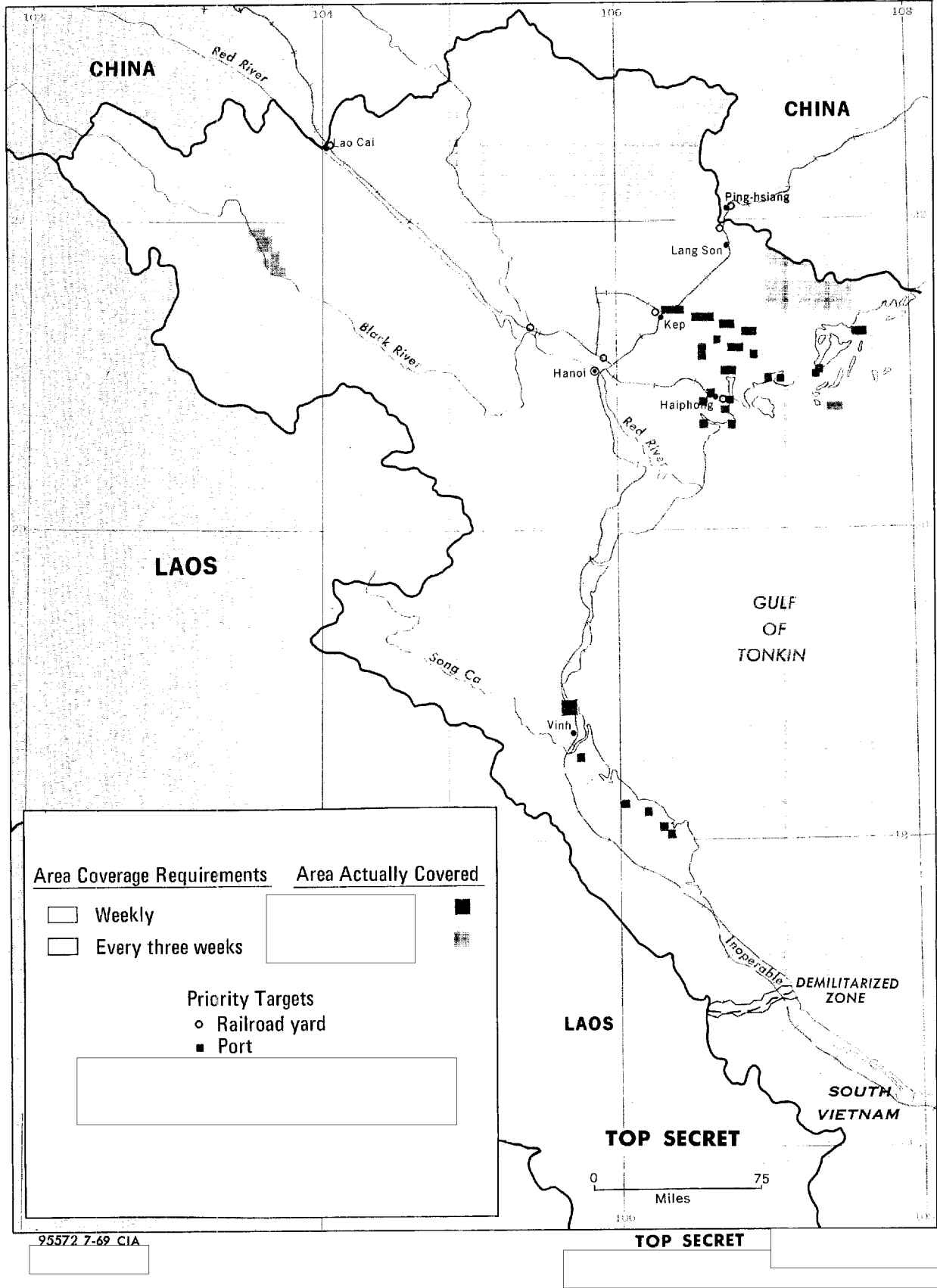
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